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Letter dated 25 March 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1973 (2011) adopted on 17 March 2011, and to my letter of 21 March 2011 (S/2011/167), regarding Norway's intention to take measures authorized by paragraphs 4 and 8 of the resolution in order to "protect civilians and civilian populated areas under threat of attack" and to "enforce compliance with the ban on flights imposed by paragraph 6" of the same resolution.

Pursuant to paragraphs 4 and 11 of Security Council resolution 1973 (2011), and in accordance with the Royal Decree adopted by the King in Council on 23 March 2011, I hereby notify you that Norway has commenced military operations as described in my letter of 21 March.

I also wish to inform you that, in the period since 24 March, Norway has conducted missions for reconnaissance and patrolling of Libyan airspace in order to implement the no-fly zone. Preparations have also been made to conduct strikes against military targets as necessary to protect civilians and civilian populated areas under threat of attack in Libya.

These operations have been and continue to be conducted in cooperation with other States.

I can confirm the intention of my Government to continue close coordination with you and with other States that have also given notification of their intention to take such measures.

I would be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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